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SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

1333 Main Street, 5th Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

August 16, 2010 – 10:30 a.m.

Commission Hearing Room A

BUSINESS MEETING

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THE
SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, July 19, 2010

A Business Meeting of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission was held in Hearing Room A of the Workers' Compensation Commission on Monday, July 19, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting agenda was posted prior to the meeting and proper advance notice was made to all concerned parties in adherence with the Freedom of Information Act. The following Commissioners were present at the meeting:

T. SCOTT BECK, INTERIM CHAIRMAN
SUSAN S. BARDEN, VICE CHAIR
DAVID W. HUFFSTETLER, COMMISSIONER
DERRICK L. WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER
AVERY B. WILKERSON, JR., COMMISSIONER
ANDREA C. ROCHE, COMMISSIONER

Present also were Gary M. Cannon, Executive Director, Betsy Hartman, DSIT, Greg Line, Claims Director, Al McCutcheon, Director of Insurance and Medical Services, Virginia Crocker, Judicial Department Director, W.C. Smith, Self-Insurance Director, Amanda Underhill, Senior Application Analyst, and J. Keith Roberts, Law Clerk. Visitors present were Mark T. Arden, Esquire and Kenny Harrell, South Carolina Injured Workers' Advocates, Ann Margaret McGraw, Midlands Orthopedics and SCOA, Katie Arden of Chappell, Smith and Arden, and Eric Douglas, Esquire of the Legislative Audit Council.

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Chairman Beck noted for the record that, due to illness, The Honorable G. Bryan Lyndon was unable to attend.

AGENDA

Commissioner Williams moved that the July 19, 2010 agenda be approved. Commissioner Roche seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - BUSINESS MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2010

Commissioner Barden moved that the minutes of the Business Meeting of June 21, 2010 be approved. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cannon announced the attendance roster was not in the lobby before the meeting and asked the attendees to sign the roster being passed around.

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL TO SELF-INSURE

Self-insurance applications were presented by W.C. Smith, Self-Insurance Director. Eleven (11) prospective members of three (3) funds were presented to the Commission for approval. The applications were:

S. C. Home Builders SIF

Advanced Building Services
Crestwood Electrical, LLC
Custom Carolina Contractors, LLC
Swat Team Construction
Total Care Residential Services, LLC
Wayne Williams (dba) All Purpose Landscaping

Palmetto Timber Fund

J. Law Logging

S.C. Auto Dealers Association SIF

Best Chevrolet
Hyundai of Greer
Kia of Greer
Toyota of Greer

After examination of the applications, it was determined that each complied with the Commission's requirements and each was recommended for approval. Commissioner Wilkerson made the motion to approve the applications to self-insure and Commissioner Roche seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DIVISION DIRECTORS' REPORTS

The Division Directors presented their reports which were also submitted to the Commission in written form.

Administration Department

Mr. Cannon presented the financial report for the ten month period ending June 30, 2010. All expenses for June were received and paid timely.

Budget Amendment

Mr. Cannon presented a recommendation to increase Earmarked Fund Appropriations by \$356,315 using available fund balance. The fund balance at June 30, 2010 was \$2,832,052. Commissioner Roche moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Wilkerson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Information Services

Betsy Hartman presented the Information Services Department's report. Ms. Hartman noted that the number of eCase inquiries has increased resulting in a decrease in the cost of postage.

Insurance & Medical Services

Al McCutcheon presented the Insurance and Medical Services Department's report. This was received as information.

Claims Department

Greg Line presented the Claims Department's report. This was received as information.

Judicial Department

Virginia Crocker presented the Judicial Department's report. This was received as information.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cannon reported on the following items:

Fines and Assessments Aging Report

The attached Fines and Assessments Aging Report reflects the number and amount of fines assessed for the 12 month period in FY 2009-10.

SC Bar Continuing Education Legal Division

On June 25th the SC Bar sponsored a continuing education workshop celebrating the 75th anniversary of the SC Workers' Compensation Commission. Chairman Roche and Commissioners Beck, Wilkerson, and Williams participated in a panel discussion, "Recent Developments at the SC Workers' Compensation Commission", and the Executive Director participated in a panel discussion, "Challenges, Opportunities, and Solutions in the Current Economic Climate."

Personnel Recruitment

Administrative Coordinator (Executive Director) Kandee Johnson transferred to the Compliance Officer's position in Insurance and Medical Services Division July 2nd. We received 121 applications for the Administrative Coordinator's position. Five candidates meeting the desired qualifications and experience were interviewed. A final decision is pending.

Human Resource Manager II (Administration) The Commission received 124 applications for the Human Resource Manager II position in the Administration Division. Six candidates possessing the desired qualifications and experience were interviewed. A final decision is pending.

Administrative Specialist II (Claims) The position recruitment notice has been posted on the SC Office of Human Resources website <http://www.jobs.sc.gov>. The closing date for accepting applications is July 16th.

Executive Assistant II (Executive Director) The position became vacant on June 25. The Commission voted at the June 17th Business Meeting to not fill the vacant position.

Constituent Services/Public Information

In the absence of the Executive Assistant, constituent services/public information function has been assumed by the Executive Director. During the previous 30 days two meetings were conducted, 20 telephone communications with claimants, 6 telephone contacts, prepared 2 written responses to legislators, prepared 1 written response and 5 telephone contacts responding to information request from the Legislative Audit Council, responded to 2 telephone inquiries from the news media, made 10 telephone contacts with other state agencies personnel, and conducted 1 meeting with a service provider.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Medical Services Provider Manual Advisory Committee Report

Mark Arden, Esquire, Chairman of the Medical Services Provider Manual Advisory Committee, presented the Committee's report. Mr. Arden reported the Committee met four times between March 1 and June 18 resulting in the findings and recommendations contained in the report. Mr. Arden summarized the recommendations as follows: (1) The Commission continue the current policy of utilizing the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) and a single conversion factor to calculate the Maximum Allowable Payment; (2) The Commission adopt an annual review process for adjustments to the Provider Manual to include a period for stakeholder comments; (3) the Commission include a complete listing of the HCPCS codes in the Provider Manual; (4) the Commission conduct a cost benefit analysis of including the American Dental Association codes for services provided for inclusion in the Provider Manual; (5) the Advisory Committee's report include minority reports. Commissioner Huffstetler stated concerns about the recommendation for providing a comment period in light of the issues in the pending litigation with the ambulatory surgery centers. Commissioner Huffstetler requested information about the staff resources required to update the Provider Manual, the data and information needed to develop the various calculations, a description of the process used to generate the financial data, a comparison of the various methods of the financial impact to the overall system, and the savings between using the State Health Plan rates compared to the rates using the current single conversion factor method. Commissioner Roche commented that the Commission has no obligation to provide a comment period on any changes to the fee schedule. Any opportunities given to the stakeholders are solely as a courtesy. Commissioner Roche further stated concerns about the financial impact or cost to the Commission of revisiting the fee schedule annually. Chairman Beck thanked Mr. Arden and all of the members of the committee for their efforts in this matter. Commissioner Wilkerson made the motion to accept the report as information. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams, and the motion was approved.

Hearing Costs Assessment

Mr. Cannon presented a recommendation to approve the hearing cost assessment under

regulation R 67-614 for FY 2010-11 as \$1,014.86. Following discussion Mr. Cannon stated that he would rework the figures to include the suggested additional costs and report at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Roche made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilkerson seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

The July 19, 2010 meeting of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Reported July 30, 2010

Gary M. Cannon, Executive Director

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GARY CANNON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FROM: DIANA GANTT, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2010
DATE: 8/11/2010

The finance report for the one month period ending July 31, 2010, is attached.

- Any prior year invoices received before Friday, July 16th were processed using FY2010 funds.
- There were 3 payrolls posted in the month of July.
- Key figures for the Administration Department during the month of June:

SCEIS Shopping Carts	5	State Reports filed by Procurement Officer	3
Vendors Contacted for Price Quotes	9	Files Copied for Outside Parties	264
Visa Procurement Card Orders Placed	4	Payments made (Vendors, Travel, Other State Agencies)	74
SC Dept of Corrections Orders Placed	3	HR transactions processed through OHR	0
Staples Orders Placed	3	HR transactions processed in SCEIS	6
State Leased Vehicles taken for Service	3	See attached Mail Summary	

South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission
Summary of Revenues and Expenditures
2010 - 2011 Budget
July 31, 2010

Benchmark 8.33%

STATE APPROPRIATIONS

General Appropriation	\$ 1,919,955	\$ 159,996		8.33%
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Account Description	Appropriation	Expenditure	Balance	% Expended
Personal Services	\$ 1,471,636	\$ 182,859	\$ 1,288,777	12.4%
Other Operating Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%
Employer Contribution	448,319	51,317	397,002	11.4%
Total	\$ 1,919,955	\$ 234,176	\$ 1,685,779	12.2%

OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

EARMARKED

	Budgeted Revenues	Received thru 07/31/10	% Received
Training Conference Registration Fee	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
Sale of Publication and Brochures	8,000	4,950	61.88%
Workers' Comp Award Review Fee	75,000	4,950	6.60%
Sale of Photocopies	95,000	6,914	7.28%
Workers' Compensation Filing Violation Fee	1,891,000	199,975	10.58%
Sale of Listings and Labels	30,000	2,267	7.56%
Workers' Comp Hearing Fee	600,000	36,425	6.07%
Earmarked Funds - Original Authorization	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 255,480	9.46%
BD100 to Increase Authorization - July 2010	356,315		
BD100 to Increase Authorization - July 2010 (PC's)	62,500		
Total Earmarked Revenues + Fund Balance	\$ 3,118,815		

Account Description	Appropriation	Expenditure	Balance	% Expended
Personal Services	\$ 1,249,153	\$ 161,300	\$ 1,087,853	12.9%
Taxable Subsistence	80,000	7,635	72,365	9.5%
Other Operating Expenses	1,414,662	76,475	1,338,187	5.4%
Employer Contribution	375,000	46,545	328,455	12.4%
Total Earmarked	\$ 3,118,815	\$ 291,955	\$ 2,826,860	9.4%

COMPUTER FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD \$ 54,761

Computer Services - Carry forward	\$ 54,761	\$ 398	\$ 54,363	0.7%
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TOTAL OTHER APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 3,228,337	\$ 292,353	\$ 2,881,223	9.1%
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South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission
2010 - 2011 Budget
July 31, 2010

Consolidated

	Original Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Year-To-Date : 8.3%				
				Expended JULY	Year to Date	%	Encumb	Balance
Commissioners								
Salaries	\$ 1,150,244	\$ -	\$ 1,150,244	\$ 141,416	\$ 141,416	12%	\$ -	\$ 1,008,828
Other Operating Expenditures								
Total Contractual Services	247,935	-	247,935	1,047	1,047	0%	-	246,888
Total Supplies & Materials	36,313	-	36,313	191	191	1%	-	36,122
Total Fixed Charges	159,652	-	159,652	11,119	11,119	7%	-	148,533
Total Travel	87,650	-	87,650	911	911	1%	-	86,739
Total Other Operating Exp	531,550	-	531,550	13,268	13,268	2%	-	518,282
Total Commissioners	\$ 1,681,794	\$ -	\$ 1,681,794	\$ 154,684	\$ 154,684	9%	\$ -	\$ 1,527,110
Administration								
Salaries	\$ 444,858	\$ -	\$ 444,858	\$ 59,868	\$ 59,868	13%	\$ -	\$ 384,990
Other Operating Expenditures								
Total Contractual Services	254,874	-	254,874	4,414	4,414	2%	-	250,460
Total Supplies & Materials	25,889	-	25,889	860	860	3%	-	25,029
Total Fixed Charges	135,749	-	135,749	6,990	6,990	5%	-	128,759
Total Travel	12,521	-	12,521	-	-	0%	-	12,521
Total Equipment	35,000	-	35,000	-	-	0%	30,165	4,835
Total Other Operating Exp	464,033	-	464,033	12,264	12,264	3%	30,165	421,604
Total Administration	\$ 908,891	\$ -	\$ 908,891	\$ 72,132	\$ 72,132	8%	\$ 30,165	\$ 806,594
Claims								
Salaries	\$ 361,417	\$ -	\$ 361,417	\$ 44,433	\$ 44,433	12%	\$ -	\$ 316,984
Other Operating Expenditures								
Total Contractual Services	47,405	-	47,405	1,349	1,349	3%	-	46,056
Total Supplies & Materials	22,138	-	22,138	3,529	3,529	16%	-	18,609
Total Fixed Charges	78,689	-	78,689	5,560	5,560	7%	-	73,129
Total Travel	1,750	-	1,750	85	85	5%	-	1,665
Total Other Operating Exp	149,982	-	149,982	10,523	10,523	7%	-	139,459
Total Claims	\$ 511,399	\$ -	\$ 511,399	\$ 54,956	\$ 54,956	11%	\$ -	\$ 456,443
Insurance and Medical Services								
Salaries	\$ 460,408	\$ -	\$ 460,408	\$ 58,391	\$ 58,391	13%	\$ -	\$ 402,017
Other Operating Expenditures								
Total Contractual Services	37,701	-	37,701	1,770	1,770	5%	-	35,931
Total Supplies & Materials	33,500	-	33,500	(401)	(401)	-1%	-	33,901
Total Fixed Charges	62,220	-	62,220	3,924	3,924	6%	-	58,296
Total Travel	258	-	258	-	-	0%	-	258
Total Other Operating Exp	133,679	-	133,679	5,293	5,293	4%	-	128,386
Total Insurance and Medical Services	\$ 594,087	\$ -	\$ 594,087	\$ 63,684	\$ 63,684	11%	\$ -	\$ 530,403
Judicial								
Salaries	\$ 383,862	\$ -	\$ 383,862	\$ 47,686	\$ 47,686	12%	\$ -	\$ 336,176
Other Operating Expenditures								
Total Contractual Services	43,078	-	43,078	-	-	0%	-	43,078
Total Supplies & Materials	22,024	-	22,024	56	56	0%	-	21,968
Total Fixed Charges	66,966	-	66,966	4,906	4,906	7%	-	62,060
Total Travel	3,350	-	3,350	-	-	0%	-	3,350
Total Other Operating Exp	135,418	-	135,418	4,962	4,962	4%	-	130,456
Total Judicial	\$ 519,280	\$ -	\$ 519,280	\$ 52,648	\$ 52,648	10%	\$ -	\$ 466,632
Totals By Departments								
Department Totals								
Commissioners	\$ 1,681,794	\$ -	\$ 1,681,794	\$ 154,684	\$ 154,684	9%	\$ -	\$ 1,527,110
Administration	908,891	-	908,891	72,132	72,132	8%	30,165	806,594
Claims	511,399	-	511,399	54,956	54,956	11%	-	456,443
Insurance & Medical	594,087	-	594,087	63,684	63,684	11%	-	530,403
Judicial	519,280	-	519,280	52,648	52,648	10%	-	466,632
Total Departmental Expend	\$ 4,215,451	\$ -	\$ 4,215,451	\$ 398,104	\$ 398,104	9%	\$ 30,165	\$ 3,787,182
Employer Contributions	823,319	-	823,319	97,862	97,862	12%	-	725,457
Total General & Earmarked Funds	\$ 5,038,770	\$ -	\$ 5,038,770	\$ 495,966	\$ 495,966	10%	\$ 30,165	\$ 4,512,639

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General Appropriation

Year-To-Date : 8.3%								
	Original Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Expended JULY	Year to Date to Date	%	Encumb	Balance
Commissioners								
Salaries								
Chairman	\$ 115,567	\$ -	\$ 115,567	\$ 14,210	\$ 14,210	12%	\$ -	\$ 101,357
Commissioner	664,602	-	664,602	83,312	83,312	13%	-	581,290
Classified Employees	290,075	-	290,075	36,259	36,259	12%	-	253,816
Total Commissioners	1,070,244	-	1,070,244	133,781	133,781	13%	-	936,463
Administration								
Salaries								
Director	\$ 94,152	\$ -	\$ 94,152	\$ 11,769	\$ 11,769	13%	\$ -	\$ 82,383
Classified Positions	132,206	-	132,206	14,934	14,934	11%	-	117,272
Total Administration	226,358	-	226,358	26,703	26,703	12%	-	199,655
Claims								
Salaries								
Classified Positions	\$ 55,417	\$ -	\$ 55,417	\$ 7,410	\$ 7,410	13%	\$ -	\$ 48,007
Total Claims	55,417	-	55,417	7,410	7,410	13%	-	48,007
Insurance and Medical Services								
Salaries								
Classified Positions	\$ 57,755	\$ -	\$ 57,755	\$ 7,232	\$ 7,232	13%	\$ -	\$ 50,523
Total Ins and Medical Svcs	57,755	-	57,755	7,232	7,232	13%	-	50,523
Judicial								
Salaries								
Classified Positions	\$ 61,862	\$ -	\$ 61,862	\$ 7,733	\$ 7,733	13%	\$ -	\$ 54,129
Total Judicial	61,862	-	61,862	7,733	7,733	13%	-	54,129
General Funds								
Department Totals								
Commissioners	\$ 1,070,244	\$ -	\$ 1,070,244	\$ 133,781	\$ 133,781	13%	\$ -	\$ 936,463
Administration	226,358	-	226,358	26,703	26,703	12%	-	199,655
Claims	55,417	-	55,417	7,410	7,410	13%	-	48,007
Insurance & Medical	57,755	-	57,755	7,232	7,232	13%	-	50,523
Judicial	61,862	-	61,862	7,733	7,733	13%	-	54,129
Total Departmental Expend	\$ 1,471,636	\$ -	\$ 1,471,636	\$ 182,859	\$ 182,859	12%	\$ -	\$ 1,288,777
Employer Contributions	448,319	-	448,319	51,317	51,317	11%	-	397,002
Total General Fund Appropriations	\$ 1,919,955	\$ -	\$ 1,919,955	\$ 234,176	\$ 234,176	12%	\$ -	\$ 1,685,779

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Earmarked Funds

	Year-To-Date : 8.3%							
	Original Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Expended JULY	Year to Date	%	Encumb	Balance
Commissioners								
Salaries								
Taxable Subsistence	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ 7,635	\$ 7,635	10%	\$ -	\$ 72,365
Total Salaries	80,000	-	80,000	7,635	7,635	10%	-	72,365
Other Operating Expenditures								
Contractual Services								
Office Equipment Service	700	-	700	-	-	0%	-	700
Copying Equipment Service	200	-	200	-	-	0%	-	200
Print/Bind/Advertisement	510	-	510	-	-	0%	-	510
Print Pub Annual Reports	28	-	28	-	-	0%	-	28
Data Processing Services	68,535	-	68,535	-	-	0%	-	68,535
Freight Express Delivery	490	-	490	-	-	0%	-	490
Telephone	4,500	-	4,500	-	-	0%	-	4,500
Cellular Phone Service	12,000	-	12,000	-	-	0%	-	12,000
Legal Services/Attorney Fees	160,000	-	160,000	1,047	1,047	1%	-	158,953
Other Professional Services	972	-	972	-	-	0%	-	972
Total Contractual Services	247,935	-	247,935	1,047	1,047	0%	-	246,888
Supplies & Materials								
Office Supplies	8,500	-	8,500	173	173	2%	-	8,327
Copying Equipment	2,714	-	2,714	-	-	0%	-	2,714
Printing	1,750	-	1,750	-	-	0%	-	1,750
Data Processing Supplies	649	-	649	-	-	0%	-	649
Postage	21,500	-	21,500	-	-	0%	-	21,500
Communication Supplies	50	-	50	-	-	0%	-	50
Maint/Janitorial Supplies	75	-	75	18	18	24%	-	57
Gasoline	100	-	100	-	-	0%	-	100
Other Supplies	975	-	975	-	-	0%	-	975
Total Supplies & Materials	36,313	-	36,313	191	191	1%	-	36,122
Fixed Charges								
Rental-Cont Rent Payment	4,800	-	4,800	-	-	0%	-	4,800
Rent-Non State Owned Property	149,750	-	149,750	11,119	11,119	7%	-	138,631
Rent-Other	250	-	250	-	-	0%	-	250
Insurance-State	3,633	-	3,633	-	-	0%	-	3,633
Insurance-Non State	169	-	169	-	-	0%	-	169
Fees & Fines	50	-	50	-	-	0%	-	50
Equipment Maintenance	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	0%	-	1,000
Total Fixed Charges	159,652	-	159,652	11,119	11,119	7%	-	148,533
Travel (Includes Leased Car)								
In State - Meals (Non-Reportable)	650	-	650	-	-	0%	-	650
In State - Auto Mileage	10,000	-	10,000	728	728	7%	-	9,272
In State - Subsistence Allowance	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	0%	-	25,000
Out State - Meals	500	-	500	16	16	3%	-	484
Out State - Auto Mileage	1,500	-	1,500	167	167	11%	-	1,333
Leased Car	50,000	-	50,000	-	-	0%	-	50,000
Total Travel	87,650	-	87,650	911	911	1%	-	86,739
Total Other Operating Expenditures	531,550	-	531,550	13,268	13,268	2%	-	518,282
Total Commissioners	\$ 611,550	\$ -	\$ 611,550	\$ 20,903	\$ 20,903	3%	\$ -	\$ 590,647

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Earmarked Funds

	Year-To-Date : 8.3%							
	Original Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Expended JULY	Year to Date	%	Encumb	Balance
Administration								
Salaries								
Classified Positions	\$ 214,000	\$ -	\$ 214,000	\$ 32,330	\$ 32,330	15%	\$ -	\$ 181,670
Temporary Employees	3,500	-	3,500	-	-	0%	-	3,500
Terminal Leave	1,000	-	1,000	835	835	84%	-	165
Total Salaries	218,500	-	218,500	33,165	33,165	15%	-	185,335
Other Operating Expenditures								
Contractual Services								
Office Equipment Service	4,904	-	4,904	3,613	3,613	74%	-	1,291
Copying Equipment Service	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	0%	-	2,000
Print/Bind/Advertisement	4,650	-	4,650	-	-	0%	-	4,650
Print - Pub Annual Reports	22	-	22	-	-	0%	-	22
Data Processing Services	181,658	-	181,658	801	801	0%	-	180,857
Freight Express Delivery	15,500	-	15,500	-	-	0%	-	15,500
Telephone	4,493	-	4,493	-	-	0%	-	4,493
Cellular Phone Service	1,925	-	1,925	-	-	0%	-	1,925
Education & Training Services	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	0%	-	1,000
Attorney Fees	34,947	-	34,947	-	-	0%	-	34,947
General Repair	230	-	230	-	-	0%	-	230
Audit Acct Finance	100	-	100	-	-	0%	-	100
Catered Meals	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	0%	-	1,000
Other Professional Services	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	0%	-	2,000
Other Contractual Services	445	-	445	-	-	0%	-	445
Total Contractual Services	254,874	-	254,874	4,414	4,414	2%	-	250,460
Supplies & Materials								
Office Supplies	9,743	-	9,743	710	710	7%	-	9,033
Subscriptions	200	-	200	-	-	0%	-	200
Copying Equipment Supplies	3,934	-	3,934	167	167	4%	-	3,767
Printing	1,964	-	1,964	-	-	0%	-	1,964
Data Processing Supplies	2,075	-	2,075	47	47	2%	-	2,028
Postage	7,100	-	7,100	(79)	(79)	-1%	-	7,179
Maint/Janitorial Supplies	98	-	98	15	15	15%	-	83
Gasoline	36	-	36	-	-	0%	-	36
Promotional Supplies	75	-	75	-	-	0%	-	75
Employee Recog Award	564	-	564	-	-	0%	-	564
Other Supplies	100	-	100	-	-	0%	-	100
Total Supplies & Materials	25,889	-	25,889	860	860	3%	-	25,029
Fixed Charges								
Rental-Copying Equipment	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	0%	-	1,000
Rental-Cont Rent Payment	4,979	-	4,979	-	-	0%	-	4,979
Rent-Non State Owned Property	107,101	-	107,101	7,195	7,195	7%	-	99,906
Rent-Other	225	-	225	(205)	(205)	-91%	-	430
Insurance-State	7,490	-	7,490	-	-	0%	-	7,490
Insurance-Non State	134	-	134	-	-	0%	-	134
Dues and Memberships	3,985	-	3,985	-	-	0%	-	3,985
Fees and Fines	25	-	25	-	-	0%	-	25
Equipment Maintenance	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	0%	-	1,000
Equipment Data (Non-Capitalized)	124	-	124	-	-	0%	-	124
Sales Tax Paid	9,686	-	9,686	-	-	0%	-	9,686
Total Fixed Charges	135,749	-	135,749	6,990	6,990	5%	-	128,759
Travel (Includes Leased Car)								
In State - Meals Non-Reportable	21	-	21	-	-	0%	-	21
In State - Registration Fees	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-
Leased Car	12,500	-	12,500	-	-	0%	-	12,500
Total Travel	12,521	-	12,521	-	-	0%	-	12,521
Equipment								
Equipment Data Processing- PC's	35,000	-	35,000	-	-	0%	30,165	4,835
Total Equipment	35,000	-	35,000	-	-	0%	30,165	4,835
Total Other Operating Expenditures	464,033	-	464,033	12,264	12,264	3%	30,165	421,604
Total Administration	\$ 682,533	\$ -	\$ 682,533	\$ 45,429	\$ 45,429	7%	\$ 30,165	\$ 606,939

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Earmarked Funds

	Year-To-Date : 8.3%							
	Original Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Expended JULY	Year to Date	%	Encumb	Balance
Claims								
Salaries								
Classified Positions	\$ 301,000	\$ -	\$ 301,000	\$ 33,138	\$ 33,138	11%	\$ -	\$ 267,862
Temporary Positions	4,000	-	4,000	3,303	3,303	83%	-	697
Terminal Leave	1,000	-	1,000	582	582	58%	-	418
Total Salaries	306,000	-	306,000	37,023	37,023	12%	-	268,977
Other Operating Expenditures								
Contractual Services								
Office Equipment Services	200	-	200	-	-	0%	-	200
Print / Bind / Adv	750	-	750	-	-	0%	-	750
Print Pub Annual Reports	22	-	22	-	-	0%	-	22
Data Processing Services	26,933	-	26,933	-	-	0%	-	26,933
Freight Express Delivery	500	-	500	-	-	0%	-	500
Telephone	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	0%	-	3,000
Temporary Services	13,000	-	13,000	1,349	1,349	10%	-	11,651
Other Professional Services	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	0%	-	3,000
Total Contractual Services	47,405	-	47,405	1,349	1,349	3%	-	46,056
Supplies & Materials								
Office Supplies	3,913	-	3,913	3,514	3,514	90%	-	399
Copying Equipment	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	0%	-	2,000
Printing	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	0%	-	2,000
Data Processing Supplies	75	-	75	-	-	0%	-	75
Postage	14,000	-	14,000	-	-	0%	-	14,000
Maint/Janitorial Supplies	50	-	50	15	15	30%	-	35
Other Supplies	100	-	100	-	-	0%	-	100
Total Supplies & Materials	22,138	-	22,138	3,529	3,529	16%	-	18,609
Fixed Charges								
Rental-Cont Rent Payment	2,500	-	2,500	-	-	0%	-	2,500
Rent-Non State Owned Property	73,750	-	73,750	5,560	5,560	8%	-	68,190
Rent-Other	225	-	225	-	-	0%	-	225
Insurance-State	1,080	-	1,080	-	-	0%	-	1,080
Insurance-Non State	134	-	134	-	-	0%	-	134
Equipment Maintenance	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	0%	-	1,000
Total Fixed Charges	78,689	-	78,689	5,560	5,560	7%	-	73,129
Travel (Includes Leased Car)								
In State - Meals (Non-Reportable)	300	-	300	-	-	0%	-	300
In State - Lodging	500	-	500	-	-	0%	-	500
In State - Auto Mileage	600	-	600	72	72	12%	-	528
Reportable Meals	100	-	100	13	13	13%	-	87
Leased Car	250	-	250	-	-	0%	-	250
Total Travel	1,750	-	1,750	85	85	5%	-	1,665
Total Other Operating Expenditures	149,982	-	149,982	10,523	10,523	7%	-	139,459
Total Claims	\$ 455,982	\$ -	\$ 455,982	\$ 47,546	\$ 47,546	10%	\$ -	\$ 408,436

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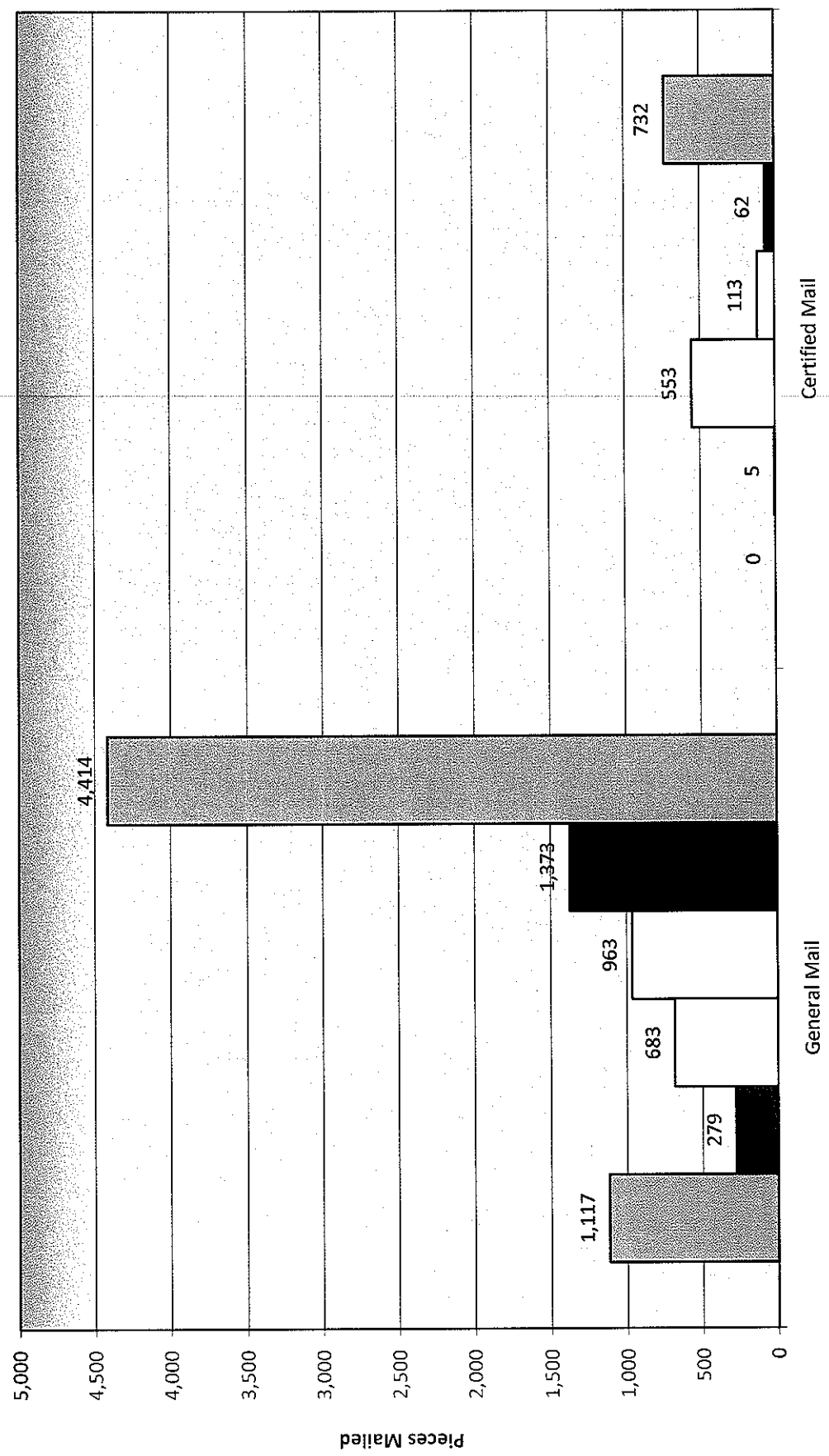
	Year-To-Date : 8.3%							
	Original Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Expended JULY	Year to Date	%	Encumb	Balance
Insurance and Medical Services								
Salaries								
Classified Positions	\$ 383,000	\$ -	\$ 383,000	\$ 44,647	\$ 44,647	12%	\$ -	\$ 338,353
Temporary Employees	15,018	-	15,018	1,877	1,877	12%	-	13,141
Special Contractual Employee	4,635	-	4,635	4,635	4,635	100%	-	-
Total Salaries	402,653	-	402,653	51,159	51,159	13%	-	351,494
Other Operating Expenditures								
Contractual Services								
Office Equipment Service	200	-	200	-	-	0%	-	200
Copying Equipment Service	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	0%	-	1,000
Print/Bind/Advertisement	3,400	-	3,400	-	-	0%	-	3,400
Print Pub Annual Report	24	-	24	-	-	0%	-	24
Data Processing Services	24,864	-	24,864	1,605	1,605	6%	-	23,259
Telephone	2,626	-	2,626	-	-	0%	-	2,626
Other Professional Services	2,387	-	2,387	165	165	7%	-	2,222
Other Contractual Services	3,200	-	3,200	-	-	0%	-	3,200
Total Contractual Services	37,701	-	37,701	1,770	1,770	5%	-	35,931
Supplies & Materials								
Office Supplies	6,000	-	6,000	(417)	(417)	-7%	-	6,417
Copying Equipment	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	0%	-	3,000
Printing	1,500	-	1,500	-	-	0%	-	1,500
Data Processing Supplies	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	0%	-	1,000
Postage	21,825	-	21,825	-	-	0%	-	21,825
Maintenance/Janitorial Supplies	75	-	75	16	16	21%	-	59
Other Supplies	100	-	100	-	-	0%	-	100
Total Supplies & Materials	33,500	-	33,500	(401)	(401)	-1%	-	33,901
Fixed Charges								
Rental-Cont Rent Payment	2,104	-	2,104	-	-	0%	-	2,104
Rent-Non State Owned Property	56,400	-	56,400	3,924	3,924	7%	-	52,476
Rent-Other	225	-	225	-	-	0%	-	225
Insurance-State	1,101	-	1,101	-	-	0%	-	1,101
Insurance-Non State	148	-	148	-	-	0%	-	148
Equipment Maintenance	942	-	942	-	-	0%	-	942
Sales Tax Paid	1,300	-	1,300	-	-	0%	-	1,300
Total Fixed Charges	62,220	-	62,220	3,924	3,924	6%	-	58,296
Travel (Includes Leased Car)								
In State - Meals (Non-Reportable)	100	-	100	-	-	0%	-	100
In State - Lodging	158	-	158	-	-	0%	-	158
Total Travel	258	-	258	-	-	0%	-	258
Total Other Operating Expenditures	133,679	-	133,679	5,293	5,293	4%	-	128,386
Total Insurance and Medical Services	\$ 536,332	\$ -	\$ 536,332	\$ 56,452	\$ 56,452	11%	\$ -	\$ 479,880

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	Year-To-Date : 8.3%							
	Original Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Expended JULY	Year to Date	%	Encumb	Balance
Judicial								
Salaries								
Classified Positions	\$ 322,000	\$ -	\$ 322,000	\$ 39,953	\$ 39,953	12%	\$ -	\$ 282,047
Total Salaries	322,000	-	322,000	39,953	39,953	12%	-	282,047
Other Operating Expenditures								
Contractual Services								
Office Equipment Services	180	-	180	-	-	0%	-	180
Print/Bind/Advertisement	500	-	500	-	-	0%	-	500
Print Pub Annual Reports	20	-	20	-	-	0%	-	20
Data Processing Services	37,803	-	37,803	-	-	0%	-	37,803
Freight Express Delivery	150	-	150	-	-	0%	-	150
Telephone	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	0%	-	3,000
Cellular Phone Service	1,225	-	1,225	-	-	0%	-	1,225
Other Professional Services	200	-	200	-	-	0%	-	200
Total Contractual Services	43,078	-	43,078	-	-	0%	-	43,078
Supplies & Materials								
Office Supplies	4,775	-	4,775	43	43	1%	-	4,732
Copying Equipment Supplies	1,949	-	1,949	13	13	1%	-	1,936
Printing	2,500	-	2,500	-	-	0%	-	2,500
Data Processing Supplies	75	-	75	-	-	0%	-	75
Postage	12,580	-	12,580	-	-	0%	-	12,580
Maintenance/Janitorial Supplies	50	-	50	-	-	0%	-	50
Promotional Supplies	20	-	20	-	-	0%	-	20
Other Supplies	75	-	75	-	-	0%	-	75
Total Supplies & Materials	22,024	-	22,024	56	56	0%	-	21,968
Fixed Charges								
Rental-Cont Rent Payment	1,750	-	1,750	-	-	0%	-	1,750
Rent-Non State Owned Property	63,750	-	63,750	4,906	4,906	8%	-	58,844
Rent-Other	225	-	225	-	-	0%	-	225
Insurance-State	1,121	-	1,121	-	-	0%	-	1,121
Insurance-Non State	120	-	120	-	-	0%	-	120
Total Fixed Charges	66,966	-	66,966	4,906	4,906	7%	-	62,060
Travel (Includes Leased Car)								
In State - Meals / Non-Reportable	250	-	250	-	-	0%	-	250
Reportable Meals	100	-	100	-	-	0%	-	100
In State - Lodging	400	-	400	-	-	0%	-	400
In State - Auto Mileage	2,200	-	2,200	-	-	0%	-	2,200
In State - Misc Travel Expense	100	-	100	-	-	0%	-	100
Out State - Auto Mileage	300	-	300	-	-	0%	-	300
Total Travel	3,350	-	3,350	-	-	0%	-	3,350
Total Other Operating Expenditures	135,418	-	135,418	4,962	4,962	4%	-	130,456
Total Judicial	\$ 457,418	\$ -	\$ 457,418	\$ 44,915	\$ 44,915	10%	\$ -	\$ 412,503
Earmarked Funds								
Department Totals								
Commissioners	\$ 611,550	\$ -	\$ 611,550	\$ 20,903	\$ 20,903	3%	\$ -	\$ 590,647
Administration	682,533	-	682,533	45,429	45,429	7%	30,165	606,939
Claims	455,982	-	455,982	47,546	47,546	10%	-	408,436
Insurance & Medical	536,332	-	536,332	56,452	56,452	11%	-	479,880
Judicial	457,418	-	457,418	44,915	44,915	10%	-	412,503
Total Departmental Expend	\$ 2,743,815	\$ -	\$ 2,743,815	\$ 215,245	\$ 215,245	8%	\$ 30,165	\$ 2,498,405
Employer Contributions	375,000	-	375,000	46,545	46,545	12%	-	328,455
Total Earmarked Funds	\$ 3,118,815	\$ -	\$ 3,118,815	\$ 261,790	\$ 261,790	8%	\$ 30,165	\$ 2,826,860
Capital / Computer Project Carryforward	\$ 54,761	\$ -	\$ 54,761	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ 398	\$ 54,363

Mail Totals for July (General & Certified)



Administration
 Claims
 Commissioners
 Insurance & Medical
 Judicial
 Totals

WCC IT Proj , **Status Report**

Project / Status report				August	Status Key:	Not Started	Timing
Projects							
#	Key Projects	Sub Project	Regulation	Due Date	%	Lead	Issues / Comments
2	WCC Closed File Scanning	Train Claims on verification		July 2010			
3	Phase II - Progress EDI/eCase	TPA's - attached to claim not carrier code modifications		August 2010			
	eCase Enhancements	Attorney add feature		September 2010			
3	Phase II - Claims EDI			December 2010			
4c	Electronic Service Initiatives	Electronic Service Initiatives- Appeal Notices	67-213	August 2010			
4d		Electronic Service Initiatives IC Notices	67-213	August 2010			Templates developed - Need process and training
4e		Electronic Service Initiatives Fine Orders Template	67-213	July 2010	25%	Amanda	Templates developed - Need process and training
4f		Electronic Service Initiatives Administrative Orders Template	67-213	July 2010	25%	Amanda	Started testing with Adobe Pro 9 to create signature for the image on image. 1. Figure out Commissioner Signature on doc - done 8/4/2010 2. Figure out Certificate of Service on doc - 3. Automate Virtual Print in Adobe - 4. Procure software
4g		Electronic Service Initiatives Consent Orders	67-213	September 2010	18%		
4h		Electronic Service Initiatives Clinchers	67-213	September 2010	0%		
4i		Electronic Service Initiatives Fee Petitions	67-213	September 2010	0%		
4j		Electronic Service Initiatives - Receipt of electronic pleadings	67-211	January 2012	0%		
4k		Electronic receipt of any form or document	67-205	January 2012	0%		

WCC IT Project Status Report

Period: August Status Key: Not Started Timing

Projects					
#	Key Projects	Sub Project	Regulation	Due Date	Issues / Comments
41		12 M Revamp of current Minor Medical Reporting from Carriers	67-412	January 2012	0%

Maintenance					
Priority	Maintenance issue	Project	Start date	Estimated completion	Status

1	NCCI issue sending old policy information causing Progress to be out of sync on closed policies	EDI Coverage	June	8/16/2010	80%	Duane	Preprocessor to allow acceptance of endorsements to older policies tested and functional in DEV. Needs to be integrated with existing batch load process, re-tested and migrated to production
2	NCCI issue relating to changes to key fields, such as FEIN's has been identified by NCCI and has not been evaluated by WCC	EDI Coverage			0%	Duane	
3	Modification to F18 functions in Progress	Progress	June		0%	Duane	Had to back out due to differences between dev and prod
4	New Face Sheet Template	K Love	June		0%	Duane	
5	Self Insured PDF generated and pushed to website	Coverage	June			Duane	Have quick and dirty program to do but need an automated method so WC can do after Full Commission
7	New report for tracking eService compliance	eService				Duane	
4	Add warning on closed file with Jar	Judicial			0%	Amanda	

Administrative					
#	Project	Sub Project	Due Date	Completion %	Status

2	PC/laptop purchase	Refresh	8/30/2010		Betsy	Delivery date by 8/23 Imaging and set up complete by 8/30
3	Work Flow	Workflow with Onbase	TBD	0%	Gary/Betsy	Gathering metrics
4	Metrics	Phone call routing	August	10%	Betsy	

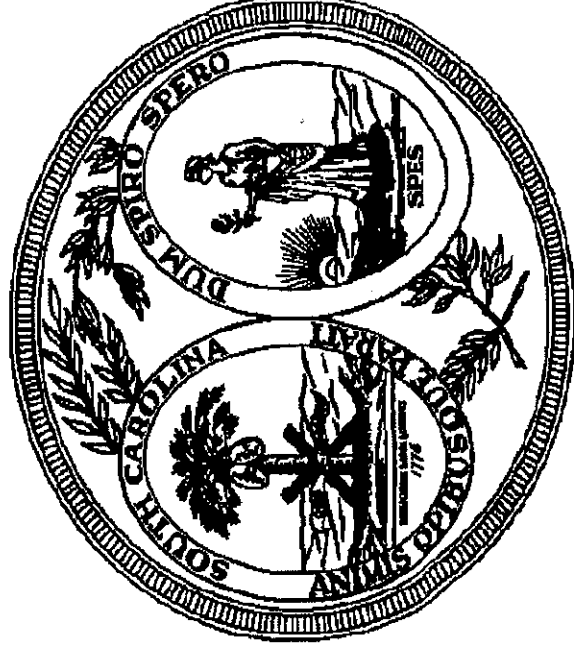
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SELF INSURANCE		
New Self-Insurers Approved	11	
Self Insurance Tax Collected	\$35,282	\$35,282
COMPLIANCE		
Cases Active at Beginning of Period	422	
Cases Initiated	203	203
Cases Closed	25	25
Cases Active at End of Period	600	
Total Fines Assessed	\$49,965	\$49,965
- Employer wage / coverage screening	\$30,050	\$30,050
- Underlying claim / uninsured employer	\$19,915	\$19,915
- Random Investigation	\$0	\$0
Total Fines Collected	\$15,975	\$15,975
- Employer wage / coverage screening	\$14,175	\$14,175
- Underlying claim / uninsured employer	\$1,800	\$1,800
- Random Investigation	\$0	\$0
Fines Waived/Rescinded/Uncollectable	\$25,770	\$25,770
- Waived	\$8,370	\$8,370
- Rescinded	\$17,400	\$17,400
- Uncollectable	\$0	\$0
COVERAGE & ACCIDENT RPTG		
Employers Withdrawing From the Act	1	1
Coverage Fines Assessed	\$18,400	\$18,400
Coverage Fines Collected	\$67,795	\$67,795
Coverage Fines Waived	\$1,000	\$1,000
Number of 12As Filed EDI	1,762	1,762
Number of 12As Filed Manually	336	336
Total Number of WCC Files Created	2,098	2,098
Number of Fatalities Filed on 12As	7	7
MEDICAL SERVICES		
Bills Pending at Beginning of Period	76	
Bills Received	83	83
Bills to be Reviewed	159	
Bills Reviewed this Month	66	66
Bills Pending at End of Period	93	

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District 1 (Greenville)

Month	Commissioner	Cases Assigned	Hearings Held	D&O Served	Form 16's Approved	Admin. Orders Served	Clincher Conf. Approved	Clincher Conf. Disapproved
Jul-09	Huffstetler	113	16	15	4	32	13	1
Aug-09	Huffstetler	91	15	15	4	28	17	2
Sep-09	Barden	105	20	19	2	49	15	1
Oct-09	Barden	125	33	18	2	49	20	0
Nov-09	Beck	112	12	9	5	30	10	1
Dec-09	Beck	113	17	17	7	39	12	2
Jan-10	Wilkinson	115	23	12	5	28	24	0
Feb-10	Wilkinson	95	28	23	3	54	13	0
Mar-10	Lyndon	118	27	29	7	42	17	0
Apr-10	Lyndon	108	30	23	11	38	14	1
May-10	Huffstetler	104	22	10	6	25	12	1
Jun-10	Huffstetler	119	17	22	6	31	13	0
Totals		1318	260	212	62	445	180	9
FY 2009-2010								

District 2 (Anderson)

Month	Commissioner	Cases Assigned	Hearings Held	D&O Served	Form 16's Approved	Admin. Orders Served	Clincher Conf.	
							Approved	Disapproved
Jul-09	Barden	102	19	25	4	46	11	0
Aug-09	Barden	68	24	26	1	47	19	4
Sep-09	Beck	73	14	30	11	54	13	0
Oct-09	Beck	86	11	22	4	40	17	2
Nov-09	Lyndon	91	21	32	8	42	11	1
Dec-09	Lyndon	132	31	29	9	46	11	1
Jan-10	Williams	94	28	13	3	44	11	0
Feb-10	Williams	111	40	23	3	44	8	0
Mar-10	Huffstetler	87	17	17	6	45	9	2
Apr-10	Huffstetler	81	12	13	6	18	15	2
May-10	Wilkerson	89	13	22	0	43	16	0
Jun-10	Wilkerson	101	21	17	2	27	11	0
Totals		1115	251	269	57	496	152	12
FY 2009-2010								

District 3 (Orangeburg)

District 4 (Charleston)

Month	Commissioner	Cases Assigned	Hearings Held	D&O Served	Form 16's Approved	Admin. Orders Served	Clincher Conf.	
							Approved	Disapproved
Jul-09	Willaims	199	41	20	4	59	13	0
Aug-09	Willaims	95	39	26	5	44	14	0
Sep-09	Roche	143	15	21	10	33	11	0
Oct-09	Roche	150	25	22	2	80	9	1
Nov-09	Wilkerson	179	24	22	6	45	12	0
Dec-09	Wilkerson	141	28	30	6	74	10	0
Jan-10	Beck	136	17	6	6	30	4	1
Feb-10	Beck	158	25	15	5	56	15	2
Mar-10	Williams	143	40	34	0	55	18	0
Apr-10	Williams	131	37	27	0	63	11	2
May-10	Roche	129	27	10	0	47	9	0
Jun-10	Roche	148	26	5	2	38	10	0
Totals FY 2009-2010	1752	344	238	46	624	136	6	

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District 5 (Florence)

Month	Commissioner	Cases Assigned	Hearings Held	D&O Served	Form 16's Approved	Admn. Orders Served	Clincher Conf. Approved	Clincher Conf. Disapproved
Jul-09	Roche	156	26	17	3	41	17	0
Aug-09	Roche	99	25	7	0	19	22	0
Sep-09	Lyndon	107	41	27	7	38	18	1
Oct-09	Lyndon	162	30	33	7	41	14	1
Nov-09	Barden	112	22	32	7	57	3	3
Dec-09	Barden	120	21	17	0	35	10	3
Jan-10	Huffstetler	138	23	27	6	69	14	4
Feb-10	Huffstetler	132	18	20	6	52	17	1
Mar-10	Wilkerson	133	19	27	3	64	17	0
Apr-10	Wilkerson	104	23	24	2	41	22	0
May-10	Beck	88	8	16	5	58	20	0
Jun-10	Beck	127	19	10	4	61	19	0
Totals		1478	275	257	50	576	193	13
FY 2009-2010								

District 6 (Spartanburg)

Month	Commissioner		Cases Assigned	Hearings Held	D&O Served	Form 16's Approved	Admin. Orders Served	Clincher Conf. Approved	Clincher Conf. Disapproved
Jul-09	Lyndon	140	32	21	7	42	27	0	
Aug-09	Lyndon	99	23	26	7	39	24	1	
Sep-09	Williams	162	41	29	3	48	20	2	
Oct-09	Williams	129	19	21	6	32	16	0	
Nov-09	Roche	138	20	14	0	39	16	0	
Dec-09	Roche	127	19	20	1	28	11	0	
Jan-10	Barden	119	19	18	4	56	4	1	
Feb-10	Barden	119	23	19	3	42	26	1	
Mar-10	Beck	98	13	32	3	73	15	1	
Apr-10	Beck	72	16	16	5	28	23	3	
May-10	Williams	95	23	37	0	55	8	0	
Jun-10	Williams	144	27	27	1	50	15	0	
Totals FY 2009-2010		1442	275	280	40	532	205	9	

District 7 (Richland)

Pleadings Filed

Month	Forms 50, 52, 54, 53, 57			Form 15 Sect. III		Form 21		Form 16		Form 40		Motions		Requester Conf. Informal Conf.		Mediations		Form 30 FC Orders Requested		FC Orders Served	
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Workers' Compensation Commission

Executive Director's Report August 16, 2010

Medical Services Provider Manual Advisory Committee – Minority Reports

At the Business Meeting on July 19, the Commission asked staff to notify members of the Advisory Committee to offer the opportunity to submit a minority report or comments on the Advisory Committee's Report. Attached is a copy of the email sent to the committee members. The only response we received is attached.

SC Association of Orthopaedic Executives

The Executive Director participated in a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the SC Association of Orthopaedic Executives on August 6. The presentation topic was an overview of the Commission's responsibilities, an update of current issues and activities and a discussion of the Medical Services Provider Manual Advisory Committee's Report.

Fines and Assessments Aging Report

The attached Fines and Assessments Aging Report reflects the number and amount of fines assessed for the 1 month period in FY 2010-11.

Personnel Recruitment

Administrative Coordinator (Executive Director)

Kimberly Ballentine was selected for the position. She began work on August 2, 2010.

Human Resource Manager II (Administration)

Cathy Floyd was selected for the position. She began work on August 4, 2010.

Administrative Specialist II (Claims)

Calandra T. Sorrells was selected for the position. She began work on August 2, 2010.

Employee Relations**All Employee Meeting**

All employees participated on July 22.

Lunch with the Executive Director

Four employees participated on July 29.

Constituent Services/Public Information

During the previous 30 days the Executive Director's Office conducted 2 meetings and 12 telephone communications with claimants, had 6 telephone contacts and prepared 3 written responses to legislators, had 4 telephone contacts with the news media, 11 telephone contacts and 3 meetings with service providers or stakeholders, and 2 telephone contacts with other state agencies personnel.

Cannon, Gary

From: Cannon, Gary
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2010 9:19 AM
To: AnnMargaret McCraw ; Barney Osborne; Brian Teusink ; Cindy Benton; Donna Croom; Dr. David Adcock; Dr. Will Floyd; Glenn Miller; Harry Gregory; Jeri Boysia ; Smoak, Laura; Lorynda Fish; Margarita Pate ; Mark Arden ; Mary Ann Lubeskie ; Mike Pankee ; Moby Salahuddin; Randee Pardee ; Rebecca Rabern; Rick Bouchard ; Ron Chatham
Cc: McCutcheon, Al
Subject: Advisory Committee Report - Minority Reports

Fee Schedule Advisory Committee Members:

On July 19, 2010 Medical Services Provider Manual (Physician's Fee Schedule) Advisory Committee Chairman Mark Arden presented the Committee's Report to the Workers' Compensation Commission. A copy of the report included in the Commissioner's Agenda packet that was emailed to you on June 15th.

Recommendation 5 in the report states the "...report will include minority reports." No minority reports were considered at the Advisory Committee meeting on June 18th therefore none were included in the report submitted to the Commission.

At the Commission meeting on July 19th Chairman Beck expressed concern about the lack of minority reports and wanted to insure each Committee member had the opportunity to communicate their organization's position to the Commission. Therefore, if you wish to submit your organization's position or comment on the Advisory Committee's Report, please email them to me at gcannon@wcc.sc.gov by 12:00 PM August 11, 2010. I will include the comments in the Executive Director Report in the Commissioner's agenda books for the Business Meeting on August 16.

Thank you for your time and efforts completing the Committee's Report. If you have any questions please contact me.

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August 11, 2010

Workers Compensation Commission

RE: Minority Report for Medical Services Provider Manual Advisory Committee

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the membership of the South Carolina Orthopaedic Association, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve and provide input in the deliberations of the Medical Services Provider Manual Advisory Committee. Our association was well represented through the process by AnnMargaret McCraw from Midlands Orthopaedics in Columbia.

We appreciate the careful consideration that the Advisory Committee gave our recommendations, although a majority of the Committee did not ultimately agree with our request to give the Commission the flexibility to adopt multiple conversion factors. Please accept this Minority Report as an official record of our position and the rationale for it. We maintain that our proposal will ultimately lead to greater quality care rendered to injured workers and overall cost savings to the system by aligning resources in the system to promote rapid access to specialty and surgical care when needed; thereby, accelerating return to work.

We hope the Commission will continue to consider our recommendations as we all strive for a more efficient and effective rehabilitation and return to work program for injured workers in South Carolina.

The SCOA presented the following motions to the Committee:

Motion 1: Continue the current policy of utilizing the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) to establish the value of the codes in the Provider Manual

Motion 2: The Workers Compensation Commission should have the authority to utilize multiple conversion factors for medical services to ensure access to care for our unique patient population.

The second motion failed to pass at the Committee level.

We present the following supporting documentation for our position. Additional information relative to each of these points is available upon request, although most of it has been shared previously with the Commission and the Committee.

- The MAPs in the Medical Services Provider Manual were not increased from 2003 to 2010.
- While most medical services receive a substantial increase in the 2010 Provider Manual adopted by the Commission, surgical and radiological codes receive significant decreases from the 2003 levels.

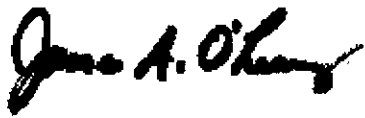
- The Medical Economic Index has increased 17.3% from 2003-2009 which has eroded reimbursement for medical services during this period. This decline has now been accelerated for surgical and radiological codes with the adoption of the new fee schedule.
- The medical office personnel expense incurred by our practices has increased approximately 20% since 2003.
- The MAPs established by the 2010 Provider Manual are some of the lowest in the nation for surgical codes as the following examples illustrate:
 - Arthroscopy: 4th worst State Workers Compensation MAP in the nation
 - Carpal tunnel: 3rd worst State Workers Compensation MAP in the nation
- Precedents are documented in other states of reduced access to specialists when surgical reimbursement is reduced
 - Hawaii: prior to 1995 ortho participation = 77%
 - Specialty fees cut in 1995; participation dropped to 33%
 - TX: 2002 ortho participation = 79%
 - Specialty fees cut in 2003; ortho participation fell to 46%
 - CA: 2002 ortho participation = 92%
 - Specialty fees cut in 2004; 2007 ortho participation = 65%
- Scientific studies document that rapid access to definitive surgical care can reduce overall costs to the workers compensation system as claimants are returned to work more quickly
- Survey data illustrates the inaccuracies inherent in RBRVS valuation of services that are especially acute for surgical procedures and practices in workers compensation.
 - UCLA study of comp neurosurgeons in Hawaii, WV, TX indicated their actual practice expense (PE) for comp was 295% of Medicare's estimated Practice Expense for the CPTs provided
- The calculation of the RBRVS by CMS is not purely scientific and objective. The pricing of individual codes is subject to political lobby, and the budget neutrality component requires pricing of codes only in relation to one another with little consideration of the actual practice expense involved to render the service.
- The stated focus of CMS and Healthcare Reform is to incentivize wellness, prevention and primary care; therefore, the RBRVS will continue to reflect a payment shift toward those codes. The inherent nature of Workers Compensation is the treatment of acute injury to facilitate rapid return to work. The application of the RBRVS to Workers Compensation without consideration of and adjustment for these different priorities has the unintended consequence of disincentivizing rapid access to acute care providers, and therefore, potentially delaying return to work.
- A large majority of states already utilize multiple conversion factors in Workers Compensation to adjust for wellness focus of CMS payment methodology when applied to Comp. (Sources: Workers Compensation Research Institute The Lewin Group)

- Multiple Conversion Factors promote cost containment by allowing adjustments to specific codes without requiring increases to codes already priced appropriately.
- If used on a limited basis, Multiple Conversion Factors can be applied in a reasonable manner without significantly increasing costs to the system. In fact, any increase in medical service expense may well be offset by reduced indemnity payments as claimants' return to work is accelerated. The initial proposal from our association to the Commission for a separate conversion factor would have had a minimal impact to overall costs as estimated by NCCI.

We strongly believe that quality care can be enhanced while simultaneously achieving significant cost savings to the overall system by promoting rapid access to surgical services; thereby expediting delivery of definitive care and accelerating return to work. This position supports the core mission of the Workers Compensation Commission and can deliver significant savings if the appropriate resources are aligned properly. Injured workers require acute care, and compensation in the system should be designed to deliver that care in the most expeditious manner possible.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in the Advisory Committee, and we are committed to working with the Commission on behalf of the workers of this great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. O'Leary". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a stylized "O'Leary".

James O'Leary, M.D.
President
South Carolina Orthopaedic Association

8/11/2010

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TO: Gary M. Cannon, Executive Director

FROM: Gregory S. Line
Director of Claims

DATE: August 4, 2010

RE: Claims
Outstanding fine status

Below is a list of twenty seven carriers that were sent a Second and Final Notice of fines Assessment on January 4, 2010.

1. Travelers Casualty & Ins. Co.	
a. Beginning bal	\$ 13,172.66
b. Bal as of 8/4/10	\$ 1,800.00
2. State Farm First & Casualty	
a. Beginning bal	\$ 4,000.00
b. Bal as of 8/4/10	\$ 600.00
3. Valley Forge Ins. Co.	
a. Beginning bal	\$ 300.00
b. Bal as of 8/4/10	\$ 100.00
4. Sentry Select Ins. Co.	
a. Beginning bal	\$ 510.00
b. Bal as of 8/4/10	\$ 510.00
5. Sentry Insurance A Mutual Co.	
a. Beginning bal	\$ 7,025.00
b. Bal as of 8/4/10	\$ 200.00
6. American States Ins. Co.	
a. Beginning bal	\$ 1,295.00
b. Bal as of 8/4/10	\$ 895.00
7. PA Manufacturers Assn. Ins. Co.	
a. Beginning bal	\$ 800.00
b. Bal as of 8/4/10	\$ 200.00
8. Farmington Casualty Co.	
a. Beginning bal	\$ 1,200.00
b. Bal as of 8/4/10	\$ 400.00
9. Midwest Employers Casualty Co.	
a. Beginning bal	\$ 900.00
b. Bal as of 8/4/10	\$ 700.00
10. Rollins, Inc.	
a. Beginning bal	\$ 500.00
b. Bal as of 8/4/10	\$ 500.00
11. Premier Group Ins. Co.	
a. Beginning bal	\$ 900.00
b. Bal as of 8/4/10	\$ 200.00

TO: Gary M. Cannon, Executive Director
FROM: Gregory S. Line
DATE: August 4, 2010
RE: Claims
Outstanding Fines Status

Below is the status of the nine groups of carriers with 48 companies that were sent a Second and Final Notice of fines Assessment on July 24, 2009.

1. Insurance Company of North America

a. Beginning bal \$ 28,580
b. Bal as of 8/4/10 \$ 300

2. AIG

a. Beginning bal \$ 56,431
b. Bal as of 8/4/10 \$ 2,800

3. Federal Insurance Company

a. Beginning bal \$ 4,500
b. Bal as of 8/4/10 \$ 1,000

4. Liberty Mutual Group

a. Beginning bal \$ 22,750
b. Bal as of 8/4/10 \$ 200

5. Travelers Property & Casualty Company

a. Beginning Bal \$ 4,160
b. Bal as of 8/4/10 \$ 200

6.. American Casualty Co. of Rdg PA

a. Beginning Bal \$ 5,160
b. Bal as of 8/4/10 \$ 400

7. Twin City Fire Insurance Co.

a. Beginning Bal \$ 18,315
b. Bal as of 8/4/10 \$ 200

TO: Gary M. Cannon, Executive

FROM: Gregory S. Line
Director of Claims

DATE: August 4, 2010

RE: Claims
Outstanding Fines Status

Below is a list of nineteen carriers that were sent a Second and Final Notice of fines
Assessment on October 30, 2009

1. Chubb Indemnity Ins. Co.
 - a. Beginning bal \$ 2,086.33
 - b. Bal as of 8/4/10 \$ 1,000.00
2. Peerless Ins. Co.
 - a. Beginning bal \$ 3,900.00
 - b. Bal as of 8/4/10 \$ 200.00
3. OneBeacon Ins. Co.
 - a. Beginning bal \$ 3,000.00
 - b. Bal as of 8/4/10 \$ 900.00

The dollar amount of fines assessed for each form, for the month of June, and fines collected for each form from July 1 – July 31

The number of fines assessed and collected, for each form, are in parenthesis.

	<u>Assessed</u>	<u>Collected</u>
Form 12A -	\$ 30,600.00 (153)	\$ 6,700.00 (39)
Form 15 Section I -	\$ 11,000.00 (53)	\$ 11,700.00 (51)
Form 15 Section II -	\$ 3,600.00 (18)	\$ 2,600.00 (13)
Form 15 S -	\$ 2,000.00 (10)	\$ 1,800.00 (9)
Form 17 -	\$ 1,400.00 (7)	\$ 1,900.00 (9)
Form 18 -	\$ 188,000.00 (904)	\$ 113,500.00 (561)
Form 19 -	\$ 250.00 (5)	\$ 525.00 (11)
Denial letter -	\$ 2,800.00 (14)	\$ 2,300.00 (12)
Failure to respond -	6,200.00 (31)	\$ 4,800.00 (26)
Failure to pay Orig fine	0	\$ 200.00 (2)
Form 20	0	\$ 700.00 (6)
Form 51	0	\$ 300.00 (3)
 TOTAL -	 \$ 245,850 (1,195)	 \$ 147,025 (742)

Fine Report for February, March, April, May, June and July 2010

	Feb	March	April	May	June	July
Total Amt assessed	\$ 359,450	\$ 335,710	\$352,300	\$250,400	175,950	\$245,850
Total # fines assess	1,750	1,658	1,669	1,246	842	1,195
Total amt collected	\$ 103,800	\$ 203,410	\$ 159,375	\$218,150	\$86,500	\$147,025
Total fines collected	513	1,045	749	1,081	407	742

Form 18's

Amt fines assess daily \$339,200 \$308,400 \$284,500 \$206,400 \$131,4200 \$179,400

Amt fines assessed file review \$ 5,200 \$ 4,400 \$24,400 \$ 9,600 \$13,800 \$8,600

Total amount Assessed \$344,400 \$304,000 \$308,900 \$216,000 \$145,200 \$188,000

fines assess daily 1,667 1,518 1,412 1,053 772 896

fines assess file review 8 6 31 16 70 8

Total fines assessed 1,675 1,524 1443 1,069 842 904

Amt collected \$ 80,200 \$ 176,100 \$ 141,050 \$185,900 \$145,200 \$113,500

fines collected 364 841 644 894 686 561

All other fines assessed

(Form 12-A, Form 15, Form 17, Form 19, denial letter, Form 20, failure to respond)

Total amt assessed \$ 15,050 \$ 27,310 \$ 43,400 \$33,000 \$30,750 \$57,850

fines assessed 75 135 226 177 156 291

Total amt paid \$ 23,600 \$ 27,310 \$ 18,325 \$32,250 \$15,000 \$33,525

fines collected 149 204 105 187 84 181

Figures collected for May are through June 11

Figures collected for June are from June 12 through June 30

TO: Gary M. Cannon, Executive Director

FROM: Al McCutcheon

DATE: August 6, 2010

RE: Outstanding Fines Status

The following is the requested status of outstanding fines in the Compliance and Coverage Divisions of the Insurance and Medical Services Department:

Compliance

There are two categories for Compliance fines: cases with underlying claims; and cases without underlying claims. Cases with underlying claims are those cases in which a claim has been filed but there is no record of the employer having coverage. Cases with no underlying claims are the cases where employers are discovered to have no coverage through the search of the Employment Security Commission records or a random coverage check.

The procedure for collection of fines is as follows:

1. Employers suspected of not having insurance are sent a letter requesting verification they have coverage and are given 14 days to respond. Failure to respond and to immediately acquire insurance will result in fines being assessed at \$1.00 per day for each employee, a minimum of \$10.00 per day and a maximum of \$100.00 per day.

Fourteen violation letters were issued during the month of July.

2. For cases without an underlying claim, if the employer immediately comes into compliance after the initial notification, the assessed fine is \$750 for 10 or less employees and \$1,000 for 11-20 employees.

Six compliance agreements were received during the month of July.

3. If there is no response and we can prove the employer is subject to the Workers' Compensation Act, the Compliance Division subpoenas the employer to an Order and Rule to Show Cause hearing. These hearings are scheduled every 30 days.

Ten subpoenas were issued in July. The next Order and Rule to Show Cause hearing is scheduled for August 26, 2010.

4. Along with the subpoena, the employer is provided a letter offering the opportunity to settle in lieu of attending the hearing. However, if the employer does not settle, and the employer is found to be subject to the Act at the hearing, an order is issued finding the employer in violation of the Act. In most instances, the order stipulates maximum fines and penalties. Orders are issued within 30 days after the hearing.

Seven orders resulting from the June 30, 2010 Order and Rule to Show Cause hearing were published in July.

5. If there is no response to the order, a civil judgment is filed within 45 days.

No civil judgments were filed during the month of July.

6. Further contact with the employer (telephone and letter) is attempted by the Director of Compliance. If the employer remains willfully uninsured, the Director of Compliance files a criminal complaint with the jurisdictional magistrate. This new procedure for the Department has yet to be finalized with legal counsel.

Coverage

There are three types of fines assessed on carriers by the Coverage Division:

- A. Late filing for policies not received within 30 days of the policies' effective date.
- B. Failure of the carrier to provide a FEIN on the policy.
- C. 12M Minor Medical Fines

In January - March 2010, approximately 200 carriers were sent a final notice on fines over 90 days old. Carriers were advised that failure to pay outstanding fines would result in a subpoena being issued requiring attendance at an Order and Rule to Show Cause Hearing. Initially, these carriers owed \$207,375 in fines over 90 days old. This total has been reduced to \$39,667.66 as of August 6, 2010.

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Gary M. Cannon

DATE: August 13, 2010

RE: Hearing Cost Assessments

R 67-614 authorizes the Commission to issue an order assessing the actual cost of a hearing as established by the Commission for hearings that have been brought, prosecuted or defended on unreasonable grounds.

The current hearing cost assessment is \$634.20 established by the Commission on April 22, 2009.

Attached is a spreadsheet reflecting the hearing cost calculations for the current cost and the calculations for the amount recommended for FY 2010-11.

The cost allocation method for calculating the hearing cost for FY 2010-11 more accurately reflects the cost associated with processing a claim for a hearing.

Recommendation: Approve the hearing cost assessment under regulation R 67-614 for FY 2010-11 cases docketed but not heard at \$202.81 and for cases heard \$1,014.86. The effective date of the new assessment is upon approval by the Commission.

**Hearing Cost Comparison
FY 2008 FY 2010**

	FY 2007-08	Total Hearing Cost	Total Expenses	% of Cost for Hearings	Total Hearing Cost
<u>Salaries</u>					
Commissioners	\$ 733,866.00		\$ 780,169.00	95%	\$ 741,160.55
Comm. Classified Staff	\$ 271,121.00		\$ 290,075.00	95%	\$ 275,571.25
Judicial Staff	\$ 229,471.00		\$ 380,705.00	98%	\$ 373,090.90
Total	\$ 1,234,458.00		\$ 1,450,949.00		\$ 1,389,822.70
<u>Travel</u>					
Commissioners	\$ 49,490.00		\$ 111,845.34	95%	\$ 106,253.07
Legal Services (Court Reporters)	\$ 194,088.00		\$ 167,204.75	100%	\$ 167,204.75
Total	\$ 243,578.00		\$ 279,050.09		\$ 273,457.82
<u>Other Operating Costs - Commission</u>					
DP Service			\$ 32,365.14	95%	\$ 30,746.88
Express Delivery (UPS, Fedex)			\$ 208.32	95%	\$ 197.90
Telephones	\$ 6,937.50		\$ 4,884.89	95%	\$ 4,640.65
Cell Phones			\$ 10,751.34	95%	\$ 10,213.77
Attorney Fees			\$ 1,837.40	95%	\$ 1,745.53
Other Professional Services (D&B)			\$ 727.40	95%	\$ 691.03
Office Supplies			\$ 7,688.27	95%	\$ 7,303.86
Copying Supplies			\$ 2,960.61	95%	\$ 2,812.58
Printing			\$ 1,359.04	95%	\$ 1,291.09
Postage	\$ 16,724.50		\$ 18,294.78	95%	\$ 17,380.04
Copier Rent			\$ 4,902.00	95%	\$ 4,656.90
Building Rent	\$ 97,193.25		\$ 149,130.06	95%	\$ 141,673.56
Leased Cars			\$ 45,807.55	95%	\$ 43,517.17
Total	\$ 120,855.25		\$ 280,916.80		\$ 266,870.96
<u>Other Operating Costs - Judicial</u>					
DP Service			\$ 22,304.90	98%	\$ 21,858.80
Express Delivery (UPS, Fedex)			\$ 30.12	98%	\$ 29.52
Telephones	\$ 6,937.50		\$ 2,603.58	98%	\$ 2,551.51
Cell Phones			\$ 1,211.25	98%	\$ 1,187.03
Office Supplies			\$ 4,489.12	98%	\$ 4,399.34
Copying Supplies			\$ 2,282.19	98%	\$ 2,236.55
Printing			\$ 1,779.39	98%	\$ 1,743.80
Postage	\$ 15,724.50		\$ 10,709.87	98%	\$ 10,495.67
Copier Rent			\$ 825.42	98%	\$ 808.91
Building Rent	\$ 18,900.00		\$ 62,623.74	98%	\$ 61,371.27
Total	\$ 41,562.00		\$ 108,859.58		\$ 106,682.39
Total Expenses	\$ 1,640,453.25		\$ 2,119,775.47		\$ 2,036,833.87
Total Hearings Docketed	10,473		10,043		
Total PER CASE DOCKETED HEARINGS		\$ 156.72			\$ 202.81
Total Hearings Conducted	2,588		2,007		
TOTAL HEARING COST		\$ 634.20			\$ 1,014.86

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Gary M. Cannon

DATE: August 13, 2010

RE: Hearing Venue – Department of Corrections

Mr. Russell Rush, Director of the Occupational Safety and Workers' Compensation Division for the SC Department of Corrections, will attend the monthly Business Meeting on August 16, 2010 to discuss the procedures for conducting hearings for individuals in the custody of the SC Department of Corrections who have filed claims under the Workers' Compensation Act.

TO: Workers' Compensation Commissioners

FROM: Gary M. Cannon

DATE: August 10, 2010

RE: Ethics Training

The Commissioners and their administrative assistants are required to attend a workshop of at least three continuing education hours concerning ethics and the Administrative Procedures Act (§42-3-250 (B)).

In 2009 the workshop was held on November 17th (Tuesday).

In order to coordinate your schedules and arrange for the workshop presenters, I respectfully request the Commissioners establish a date for this year's workshop.